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Sincerely,

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My personal experience comes as a long time TiVo owner. My family has had two TiVos for several years, and enjoyed the FREEDOM to transfer content from one TiVo to the other. We recently upgraded to HD on our main television, and added a third HD compatible TiVo Series 3 to the mix. (This, after trying the cable company's DVR and finding it so far substandard to a TiVo, the extra expenses were worth it.)

Two things were quickly apparent:

1) Getting working cablecards from the cable company was a complete whipping -- I don't think they are very eager to comply with providing these devices to consumers, and it took the better part of a month and a great deal of persistence on our part.

and

2) The CableLabs entity, by having to certify TiVo's cablecards, has an unfair stranglehold on how we watch tv in our house. No longer can I record a show in the living room, lay down in bed, and watch it back there by transferring it TiVo-to-TiVo.. part of the multi-room viewing feature that's been available for years on the earlier (non cable-card) TiVos. What a HUGE disappointment, and I don't see how the fact that I like to watch TV laying down harms content providers.

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I know the public doesn't have paid lobbyists to come and make our points persuasively.... but this country has always been about freedom, free markets, and technological innovation. To allow such a stranglehold by a consortium of cable operators violates those precepts. I understand the goal of protecting intellectual property, but don't forget that given free reign, they will go far beyond meeting a valid and legitimate goal in order to create a monopoly on the marketplace and enhance corporate profits. Also understandable goals, but not ones that should rise to the level of government backing.

Please restore my freedom to watch TV when I want and WHERE I want!!

Sincerely,

Linda Webb  
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